President Denies That He Asked Storer To Urge Archbishop Ireland as Cardinal

Says Publication of His Private Letter Is Dishonorable.

TELLS WHOLE STORY

Declares Position of His Former Friend Shows "Peculiar Perfidy."

President Roosevelt has issued a lengthy reply to the charges set forth in the pamphlet of Bellamy Storer concerning the relations of the latter to affairs of the Catholic Church while he was an ambassa-

The President flatly denies much that Mr. Storer set forth, and as to much that he does not deny indicates that it was unfairly set forth and subjected to misconstruction. The document follows:



accession to the Vice Presidency I wrote

at President McKinley's request to Mr. or Mrs. Storer that the President de-

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England or France. I received many letters of the general tenor of these mentioned, enumerating their hardships and services and enemies. As Mr. Storer in his pamphlet quotes a letter of November 24 from me, marked personal, in which I told his wife that he should be made special ambassador, you must keep absolutely should be made special ambassador are elsewhere which would seem to differ.

PECULIAR PERFIDY, SAYS ROOSEVELT

With peculiar perfidy Mr. Storer now seeks to turn this act of cordial, and I think I may add generous, friendship on my part into an attack upon me by treating my refusal to accept his resignation as an indorsement of his position in the matter of the Vatican, to which there was absolutely no allusion whatever of any kind or sort in his letter of resignation.

This bare recital of facts is in itself the severest possible condemnation of Mr. Storer's disingenuousness.

solved to repudiate all authority for his action, and to appear ignorant of it.) "Shortly after writing this I receiv-ed another letter from the President. I quote the portions referring to this

—in short, that my feeling for the archbishop was due to my respect fer alm as a useful and honorable man—iust such a feling as I have had for Philips Brooks and for many other clergymen of various denominations; but that I could not as President, in any way try to help any clergyman of any denomination to high rank in that denomination.

"I say that I never received such a letter as that which Mr. Storer alleges he wrote me. I may add that ! am by no means certain he ever sent me cuch a letter; my doubt being-due to the facts I am about to set forth, which show that when he now attempts to describe the letters he sent me, Mr. Storer's memory becomes marvelously treacherous.

"STORER FREELY QUOTED.

"On pages twenty-three to twenty-five of his pamphlet, Mr. Storer writes as follows (he having first stated that I had resolved to repudiate all authority for his action, and to appear ignorant of it.)

PURELY AN AFTERTHOUGHT.

In response to this Mr. Storer wrote me a letter tendering his resignation, not as he asserts, because of anything in connection with his visit to the Vatican but solely because

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